MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know what action the Government propose to take with regard to the diversion of the course?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): The file has been transferred to the Irrigation Department for report.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Is this question regarded mainly as a question of irrigation or as a question of prevention of frequent floods?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): As a matter of fact, it does not seem to be an irrigation work.

Building for Vamanapuram District Dispensary.

295. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have decided to construct a new building for the use of the dispensary; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what has become of the proposed construction of the building?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

Appointments made by the Nedumangad Tahsildar.

296. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they will furnish a caste-war statement of the appointments and the acting appointments made by the Tahsildar, Nedumangad;

(*b*) whether they are aware that, when permanent vacancies and temporary vacancies occur in the Taluk Cutcherry and the Pakuthi Cutcherries, the Nedumangad Tahsildar, without considering the claims of acting persons, recruits new persons to the posts; and

(*c*) whether recruitment of new persons, in the presence of persons who have acted, is permissible?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The *statement containing the information is laid on the table.

(*b*) Three persons have been newly appointed as Ag. Accountants. Two of them are reported to belong to communities not adequately represented in public service and the third was entertained when none of the persons included in the acting list had to be provided for.

(*c*) None was recruited overlooking the claims of those who have acted.

* *Vide* Appendix VI.

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